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Injection well battle may be over for city

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

The hazardous waste injection wells that residents and officials of Romulus have been fighting for more than 12 years are closer to becoming a reality following a Circuit Court decision and an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) denial.

On June 21, Ingham County Circuit Court Judge William Collette reversed a decision of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to grant a brine well extraction permit to Sunoco Oil.

The permit would have allowed Sunoco Oil to store natural gas for future use in the Mount Simon formation. When the gas was in demand, Sunoco would then have brought up the gas and replaced it with brine or salt water.

However, with the judgment rendered in favor of

Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) a Birmingham based company that disposes of hazardous waste, it seems as though the fight is all but over for Romulus.

Environmental Disposal Systems proposes to use the wells, which are about 4,200 feet below the surface, to hold hazardous liquid wastes-including acids and heavy metals like mercury, chromium and nickel.

Collette found in his decision that, beginning in 1999, MDEQ issued two permits under the Natural Resources Environmental Protection Act that granted EDS permission to drill two deep injection wells in Romulus. Throughout the last five years, Collette also found that EDS had received all of the necessary permits from local, state and federal authorities for the project including a no-migration exemption permit from the EPA that gave EDS permission to begin disposal operation at the site.

"All of this permitting and the majority of the expenses associated with the EDS project were incurred without

any objection voiced by Sunoco Oil and also well before Sunoco Oil ever made any application for its own permit for its own activities," said Collette in his decision.

Then in Sept. 2001, Sunoco Oil applied for a brine well extraction permit from the MDEQ. At that time the application was reviewed and the MDEQ supervisor denied the permit for two reasons, according to Collette.

"First that Sunoco Oil's drilling would constitute waste because the Mount Simon formation would be comprised as a proper repository for the hazardous waste injection proposed by EDS," he said. "Secondly, that there was a strong potential that Sunoco Oil's activities would generate even more waste because the various hazardous materials injected into the formation by EDS could be pumped back to the surface by Sunoco Oil's brine recovery operations."

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Picnic time

Elizabeth Kersey (left) and her son, Isaac, joined Christine Kersey at Elmer Johnson Park on July 4 for a family barbecue to celebrate Independence Day. The Kerseys, along with other residents, utilized the grills at the park and made everything from corn on the cob to barbecue ribs. Brooke Hilyer, 4-years-old, waited all day just to see the fireworks display.



Magna moves closer to racetrack starting gate

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Michigan Downs racetrack is in the starting gate in Romulus.

City council members have agreed to set a public hearing date regarding the vacation of two roads on the proposed site of the new racetrack, as requested by Magna Entertainment Corp. (MEC), developers of the project.

The request to vacate both Venoy and Raftary roads between Smith and Wick roads also gave MEC a chance to update council members about progress on the project during the last five months.

It was the first time since the December vote that Lorne Kumer, vice president of real estate for MEC, has been before the Romulus council.

Kumer said that MEC has been working closely with the city to move along the approval process and that he believes they have done a good job.

"We believe that we will come before you in late July with our

package," said Kumer. "We believe it is at a stage where it is ready for your approval and, as you know, the vacation of the roads is an important part of the project, because without it we can not move forward."

While the vacation of the roads was on the agenda, it seemed as if the true question of council was "When is this racetrack going to happen?", which was made evident by a question from Councilman William Wadsworth.

Wadsworth asked Kumer the status of the operating racetrack license needed from the State of Michigan in order for the project to move forward.

Kumer said that he sees it like a triangle, in that there are three components, two that are absolutely needed for the project to move forward.

"The first of which is the approval from the City of Romulus," he said. "The second is the track license from the

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Police investigating execution-style killing

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Early Saturday morning, 23-year-old Romulus resident Kevin Tolliver was found dead in the basement of the Concorde Club Apartments on Niagara Road, according to Romulus police.

Tolliver's throat had been slashed with an unknown cutting instrument in what police described as an execution-style slaying. Police said they think the

murder took place between 12:30 a.m. and 1:40 a.m. July 3.

Tolliver was found by a 20-year-old friend who, according to police, ran and told his aunt that he had discovered Tolliver's body in the basement. The aunt then called police.

Romulus Police Sgt. Jeff Lazarski said the help of the community is needed to solve this murder.

"We have conducted an extensive investigation," said Lazarski.

"We have canvassed the entire area and we are following up on several leads, but we are asking anyone who knows anything about this crime to help us solve this murder."

Police have not released much of the information about the case, including the reason Tolliver was at the Concorde Apartments. According to Tolliver's girlfriend, Anna Damron, he was with her the night he was killed. Damron is a

resident at the apartment complex and said that Tolliver was with her in her apartment up until about 11:55 p.m. Friday night.

"He got a phone call and said that he would be right back," she said. "Then he left and never came back."

Damron said that type of behavior was not normal for Tolliver.

"He was acting distant all day and then when he didn't come



Anna Damron

back right away that night I knew something was weird," she said.

City sponsored concerts continue every Sunday

Andrea King
Staff Writer

There's music in the air in Belleville.

The city-sponsored concert series began last Sunday. Performances will continue every Sunday afternoon at Victory Park, located at the intersection of Main Street, East Huron River Drive, East Columbia, South Street and West Columbia, an intersection referred to by residents as "Five Points."

This year, performers will include Belleville Community Band, Blue Moon Trio, The Music Lady, County Connection Chorus, Joyous Noise and World's Oldest Living Saxophone Section.

Now considered a Belleville tradition, the program offers fami-

ly-oriented music that is free to the people who want to enjoy it, according to Bobby Fairman, a member of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

"We look at various places to find the entertainment," she said. "Some of the groups have already been performing in the series for a number of years. The others have come highly recommended from the community residents. We listen to what they say they want to hear."

Fairman said that each band is tied into Belleville one way or another. Either the group is based in the area, or at least one member is from Belleville, she said.

"We start the process in January," added Fairman. "First we go to the bands to see when they want to perform and what their preferences are. Then, we

just start filling in the groups from there."

Fairman said that she even went to auditions for the Belleville National Strawberry Festival to find performers for this year.

Belleville Community Band started the series last week with a "Music Around the World" theme show. They will continue to play throughout the summer with their last performance on Aug. 22. The band is a large group, made up of people ranging from high school students all the way up to senior citizens, according to Fairman.

The group will then continue their performances with a "Patriotic Salute" theme on July 11, a "Summer Music" theme on July 25, a "Broadway and movie themed music on Aug. 8 and the John P. Sousa 150th birthday salute

on Aug. 22. Mayor Thomas Fielder will be conducting a special piece during their final performance night, said Fairman.

Blue Moon Trio followed the Belleville Community Band on Sunday performing the hits of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett and other singers of their style.

The Music Lady, Beverly Meyer of Belleville, will follow on July 18. Meyer provides a fun, interactive performance for both children and adults.

"She is quite known in the area and in Michigan. The children just love her," said Fairman.

County Connection Chorus will perform Aug. 1. The Ypsilanti Chapter of the Sweet Adelines will entertain the crowd with song and dance from barbershop harmonies and contemporary fun.

Joyous Noise, scouted at the strawberry festival, will perform Aug. 15. The group will showcase their mix of clap and dance, along with the old-time tunes of hammered and mountain dulcimers, fiddles and mandolins, said Fairman.

The series will end with the musical knowledge of World's Oldest Living Saxophone Section on Aug. 29. They will use more than 280 years of experience to perform the swing band music using five saxophones.

"We enjoy having the people come, bring a lunch, and make a day's event out of it," she added.

In case of rain, concerts will be held at the United First Methodist Church on Charles Street in Belleville. For more information, contact 734-697-8123.

Blood donors needed throughout area

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

uly is a critical month for the Red Cross, as blood supplies frequently drop to less than a two-day supply. Recently, the Southeastern Michigan Red Cross said that after the shootings during the Detroit fireworks, a hospital requested that 30 units of O-negative blood be sent to aid in the treatment of the victims. That request exhausted the supply of this universal blood type and the Red Cross was left without any O-negative blood to treat other emergencies that night.

That example is symptomatic of the problems being suffered by the Red Cross as a whole, according to Marie Mangus, manager of communications and marketing for the Southeastern Michigan American Red Cross.

"The entire state is really way below the levels we like to see them," she said.

When supplies in the metropolitan Detroit area get low, the Red Cross can't rely on other branches within the state to fill the void because they often don't have any blood they can spare either.

"It's very important that people come in to donate, particularly within the next week," said Mangus. She added that if levels remain this low, it might even become necessary to delay non-emergency surgeries.

Part of the problem is the result of scheduling conflicts, as busy potential donors stay busy with seasonal activities and don't make it in to donate.

Anyone interested in donating blood can visit a Red Cross donor center. One center, located in Livonia at 36650 Five Mile Road, is open from 1 until 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m.

until 3 p.m. Fridays and from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. every Saturday. There is another donation center located at 41160 Ten Mile in Novi. It is open from 1 until 7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays and from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturdays.

In addition to the central donor centers, Red Cross Mobile Units will be collecting blood in several area communities in the upcoming weeks. Drives will take place from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. tomorrow at Garden City Hospital and from noon until 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Northville. However, Wayne, Westland, Inkster, and Romulus residents might be more interested in the drives that will take place from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne and at Divine Savior Catholic Church in Westland.

From 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday, Red Cross staff will collect donations at St. John Neuman Catholic Church in Canton and from 2 until 8 p.m. July 12, St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth will also host a blood drive.

"If that same person came in and donated by Trima, one person can donate the same (amount of plasma and platelets) as six regular donors," said Johnson.

For more information or to schedule a donation, contact the Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit www.semredcross.org.



Ten Tips For A Healthy Back

Follow these simple guidelines to keep your back in good shape.

1. Standing

Keeping one foot forward of the other, with knees slightly bent, takes the pressure off your lower back.

2. Sitting

Sitting with your knees slightly higher than your hips provides good lower back support.

3. Reaching

Stand on a stool to reach things that are above your shoulder level.

4. Moving Heavy Items

Pushing is easier on your back than pulling. Use your arms and legs to start the push. If you must lift a heavy item, get someone to help you.

5. Lifting

Kneel down on one knee with the other foot flat on the floor, as near as possible to the item you are lifting. Lift with your legs, not your back, keeping the object close to your body at all times.

The more you know, the better chance you have of avoiding back pain - which affects 80% of the adult population and is the second most common reason people visit their doctors. If you have back pain or want to know how to avoid it, consult a spine care specialist.

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6. Carrying

Two small objects (one in either hand) may be easier to handle than one large one. If you must carry one large object, keep it close to your body.

7. Sleeping

Sleeping on your back puts 55 lbs of pressure on your back. Putting a couple of pillows under your knees cuts the pressure in half. Lying on your side with a pillow between your knees also reduces the pressure.

8. Weight Control

Additional weight puts a strain on your back. Keep within 10 lbs. of your ideal weight for a healthier back.

9. Quit Smoking

Smokers are more prone to back pain than nonsmokers because nicotine restricts the flow of blood to the discs that cushion your vertebrae.

10. Minor Back Pain

Treat minor back pain with anti-inflammatories and gentle stretching, followed by an ice pack.

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Council gives OK to development with 60-foot lots

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Romulus City Council members approved the preliminary site plan and planned development area (PDA) agreement for the Preserve of Romulus condominium development last week, despite concerns from some council members.

The development, which will be located on the south side of Ecorse Road east of Wayne Road, will consist of 205 single-family site condominiums on about 85 acres. Each acre will hold a little less than three units, opening up 25 acres of the land

for recreational and landscaping uses.

However, the development will place the homes on 60-foot lots, something that upset city councilmen William Crova and William Wadsworth.

"I'm not happy with the 60-foot lots and I haven't been real happy with the 60-foot lots," Crova said. "And I believe this council hasn't been real happy with 60-foot lots, yet we've got a development we're going to go forward with that that are contrary to the action we took last week."

Crova is referring to the changes that came after a six-

month moratorium approved by the Romulus City Council on Dec. 8, 2003. The council approved the moratorium in part to determine the best way to protect the rural neighborhood located south of Wabash, west of the CSX railroad, east of Hannan and north of Pennsylvania.

An impending development, from Orco Investments, would have changed the rural nature of the neighborhood.

Just two weeks ago, the council voted by a two-thirds majority to protect the rural atmosphere in that part of the city by amending the zoning, allowing for larg-

er lot sizes, and creating a new rural overlay district.

Wadsworth, who agreed with Crova, made it clear that it was not the project to which he objected.

"I think it's a nice project, but I don't like the 60-foot lots. You are trying to shove too many homes into a small spot when you could do the same thing on bigger lots."

Representatives from the Grant-Perry Development Co. said that going to a traditional 80-foot lot size would have had a greater impact on the existing features of the site and with the 60-foot lot size there is much

more space.

All of the homes within the site will include of a two-car garage attached to one of five floor plans.

The homes will be anywhere from 1,300 to 2,500 square feet with a starting price of \$180,000 to \$220,000.

Councilman Leroy Burcroff gave his vote of confidence to the project.

"I don't have a problem with the 60-foot lots in this area," he said. "There are areas where we need to protect the rural and there are areas where this project fits. I don't see any problems."

Well

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At that point in 2001 the MDEQ was opposed to the Sunoco Oil project and backed the EDS project. Then in a 180-degree turn, according to Collette, the MDEQ reversed their decision without any real notice to EDS and a revised permit application was submitted by Sunoco Oil and approved by the MDEQ on May 29, 2003.

This permit approval was followed by a letter from Governor Jennifer Granholm directed to the EPA requesting that the agency deny an operating permit to EDS, however attorneys for MDEQ, according to Collette, have continually said during the course of the case that they believed that both EDS and Sunoco Oil uses could be compatible in the Mount Simon formation.

Collette said he found the obvious differences between the statements made by Granholm and the MDEQ, suspect.

"This court acknowledges that from the beginning, and through the various rounds of litigation surrounding this matter, there have been changing priorities at the MDEQ," said Collette. "Naturally with this type of political change, there may be differing attitudes about highly controversial issues such as the injection of hazardous waste into the substrata. However, the manner in which the MDEQ changed its position and granted Sunoco Oil's permit caused serious concern not only in this case, but in other situations where parties seeking permits may be unable to rely on those permits in the future."

Collette further scolded the MDEQ and Sunoco Oil for their claims of designing their final agreement to open the Mount Simon formation for use by both parties as "illusory".

Finally the court found that "the original determination of the MDEQ to deny the permit requested by Sunoco Oil was correct and that these (the EDS and Sunoco Oil) uses are incompatible".

This ruling officially made the permit granted to Sunoco Oil in 2003 null and void.

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Additionally just four days later on June 25, the EPA denied a request filed by Sunoco Oil on April 15, 2004 to reconsider and stay the exemption issued to EDS on March 16. The exemption freed EDS from federal restrictions on land disposal of hazardous waste for the two injection wells.

Sunoco Oil argued that the EPA decision to grant the exemption to EDS was not supported by information that meets the reasonable degree of certainty standard, that it was prematurely issued and that its issuance was in conflict with the EPA's policies for evaluating exemption petitions.

To all of these claims, the director of the water division of the EPA, Jo-Lynn Traub stated "no new information was presented by Sunoco Oil that would cause the EPA to reconsider its decision to grant the exemption to EDS".

Now, opponents of the EDS project are at the end of their rope. The only hope left is the pending decision of the EPA on whether or not to renew the underground injection control permits for EDS.

Last week, at a public hearing hosted by the EPA on the permit renewal issue, local state and federal representatives, as well as Romulus residents, gathered together to again voice their opposition to the hazardous injection wells.

The EPA will continue to accept public comment on the permit issue until midnight July 12. All comments should be sent to the EPA, Region 5, Office of Public Affairs, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

The EPA is expected to make a decision by fall.

City looks to improve Homeland Security

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

The hiring of Marshal Johnson is turning out to be a good thing for Romulus, according to Margaret LeDuc, emergency management coordinator for the city.

Johnson was hired as a solution area planner, funded by a Homeland Security grant in April.

"His job was to come into to Romulus and help us decide what we needed to do to increase our readiness in the department of Homeland Security," said LeDuc. "And that

is just what he has done."

Johnson, with the help of Romulus officials, has identified four broad goals for the city to achieve in order to be better prepared in case of an incident.

LeDuc said the first item is to acquire a communication vehicle. This vehicle would be used a command post on the scene of an event such as an explosion or chemical attack.

Protecting the police, public works and fire departments is the next goal. LeDuc said that more personal protective equipment is needed to be prepared.

Also on the list is the purchase of firewalls for city com-

puters.

"Firewalls are a protective device used in computer systems to prevent hacking into the system," said LeDuc. "It also saves important city records and files."

Finally, LeDuc said specific plans must be developed for each city building in the case of an incident.

"This is very important," she said. "People need to know what to do in the case that something does happen in the city."

A \$256,818 Homeland Security grant Romulus received earlier this year will be used to pay for the improvements.

Street

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State of Michigan."

Magna applied for the license a two years ago and they feel confident that they will be successful in the process, said Kumer.

One of the issues standing in the way of MEC has been a state

law that one company cannot own and operate two racetracks in the State of Michigan.

Magna also owned Great Lakes Downs, located in Muskegon.

"That law may be changing, but we have a gone a step further," said Kumer. "We are divesting ourselves of Great Lakes Downs."

With this obstacle no longer in the way, Kumer said MEC is con-

fidant they will receive the track license.

The third component of the triangle deals is the proposal to allow slot machines in Michigan racetracks, an issue that Kumer admits is of interest to MEC, but is not a necessary piece of the puzzle to finalizing the Romulus racetrack.

A public hearing on the matter has been set for 6:45 p.m. Aug. 2.



Sunday in the park

Mayor Alan Lambert took advantage of the many activities at Elmer Johnson Park on July 4 to sit down and chat with Romulus residents. Many residents spent the day at the park socializing and catching up with old friends while awaiting the annual fireworks.

Pancakes and 'paws walk' planned in Plymouth

Kellogg Park in Plymouth will be full of man's (and dog's) best friends July 24 during the Fourth Annual Southeast Michigan Laps for Learning PAWS Walk.

The event, planned from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. July 24 in the downtown park, is open to one and all, with or without the family dog, and will wind through accessible, tree-lined, city neighborhoods. Assistance dogs and foster puppies, along with their owners, are especially welcome.

Registration for the PAWS Walk begins at 10 a.m. All dogs must be on a leash,

under control at all times and have proof of current rabies vaccination, according to Sue Brooks, development representative for PAWS With A Cause. Children 14 and under must be accompanied on the walk by an adult.

Pledges are due the day of the walk. There will be prizes and gifts for all walkers, especially those raising more \$100 or more.

Prior to the walk, members of the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club will host an all-you-can-eat breakfast from 8-11 a.m. at the Masonic Temple in Plymouth,

across from Kellogg Park. The cost for the breakfast will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

Laps for Learning will offer a variety of events for participants to sink their teeth into. Fun-filled doggie activities include a Bobbing for Tennis Balls Contest, an Agility Obstacle Course, and Owner/Dog Look-Alike Contest, a Dog Talent Show and more. There's even a "Smooch the Pooch" booth and dog related vendors. All events will be at the park.

Paws With A Cause was founded in Michigan in 1979. It is dedicated to the

training of assistance dogs to help people with disabilities in their quest to live independent lives. These dogs function as service dogs, hearing dogs, seizure response dogs and combo dogs for those with multiple disabilities, according to Brooks.

A demonstration of the amazing feats PAWS dogs can perform will be a part of the event.

For more information, flyers and/or pledge sheets contact Brooks at Paws With A Cause at (248) 693-9789 or pawssemisue@yahoo.com.

OBITUARIES

WEEKS, James A.

Jams A. Weeks, 75, of Romulus, died June 27.

Among his survivors are his sons, Jimmy and Joey Weeks; a stepson, Herschel (Donna) Stacey; brothers, Ralph and Gene, and a sister, Marie.

Funeral services were at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Huron Township.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

PIETRZAK, Helen Ann

Helen Ann Pietrzak, 88, of Belleville, died June 30.

Among her survivors are her sister, Jennie Sliwa and brother, Alexander Januszyk, both of Belleville; many nieces and nephews; great-nieces and nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Pietrzak was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville where Father Alexander J. Wytrwal celebrated funeral mass for her.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

CHROBAK, Matt J.

Matt J. Chrobak, 87, of Sumpter Township, died July 2.

Among his survivors are his wife of more than 40 years, Beverly J. (Rounsifer) Chrobak; sisters, Angeline Barber of Monroe and Anne Swan of Westland, and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Chrobak served in the U.S. Army from 1942 until 1945. He was awarded the bronze arrowhead, five battle stars, two bronze stars and a Presidential Citation. He was a member of the VFW Post 4093 in Carleton.

Mr. Chrobak was retired from Ford Motor Co.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with the Rev. Robert J. White officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

LOCKHART, Larry Otis

Larry Otis Lockhart, 59, of Belleville, died July 1.

Among his survivors are his wife of more than 18 years, Karen Sue (Rowland) Lockhart; sisters, Janie (Ed) Green of Thompson Station, TN, Bonnie (Arnold) Thomas of Mt. Pleasant, Ella (Austin) Begley of Monroe, Judy (Jerry) Madden, also of Thompson Station, TN, Marsha (Freddie) Stewart of Sidney, OH; a brother, Jesse (Lois) Lockhart of Kenvir, KY, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were at the Belleville Freewill Baptist Church where Mr. Lockhart was a member, with the Rev. Walker Harris and Mr. Lockhart's brother-in-law, the Rev. Austin Begley, co-officiating.

Interment was at Washtenong Memorial Park in Ann Arbor.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

GOOD, Ruth M.

Ruth M. Good, 72, of Belleville, died July 2.

Among her survivors are her children, Michelle (Jon) Stieber of St. Pauls, NC, Claudia Ann (Prentiss) Boan of Morganton, NC, Brian J. (Karen) Good of Tecumseh and Paul D. (Carrie) Good of Grass Lake; sisters, Bernite (Richard) Showalter of Convoy, OH, Marilyn (Kenneth) Merkle of Van Wert, OH and Janice Sherburn of Huntington Beach, CA; a brother, Earl Sherburn of Las Vegas, NV, and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Belleville First United Methodist Church where Mrs. Good was a member, with the Rev. John N. Grenfell III officiating.

Interment was at Denton Township Cemetery in Van Buren Township.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

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Charter Township of Van Buren BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED SERVICES

The Charter Township of Van Buren will be accepting sealed bids for recreational trails construction and related services. The project entails construction of a recreational trail and site amenities at the Visteon Village Site off of Ecorse Road. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "Visteon Recreational Trails" and submitted to the office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. Bids will be accepted until 10:00 AM EST on Monday, August 2, 2004 and will be publicly opened following the deadline.

There will be a pre-bid meeting and site visit on Monday, July 26, 2004, at 10:00 AM. Specifications and plans may be obtained from the Clerk's Office during normal business hours starting July 8, 2004. This project is partially funded with a federal grant and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation is required. For more information you may call (734) 699-8913.

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bid. The Township also reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not required to accept the low bid.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on July 20, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. in accordance with guidelines set forth from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive comments from residents of the community on the proposed change to the Township's use of Community Development Block Grant funds for Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

The proposed change is listed as follows:

Transfer of project 03-30-22*-UNPROGRAMED FUNDS to COMMUNITY HOUSING REHABILITATION:

Contribute \$33,867.00 transferred from the Unprogramed Funds category to a Community Housing Rehabilitation category for low-to-moderate income residents to participate in no interest loans to bring propeM owners homes up to the current building code.

Transfer of project 03-30-22*-UNPROGRAMED FUNDS to DEMOLITION
Transfer \$60,000.00 from Unprogramed Funds category to Demolition of depilated or blighted structures within township.

The public hearing will take place at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road. Written and verbal comments will be received and considered. The deadline for input by residents via letter or telephone is 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 20, 2004. After the public hearing, the Board of Trustees will be asked to support a resolution for the change of the proposed project.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren

Publish: July 8, 2004
Post: July 8, 2004

OPINION

A little respect is due

Driving by the Thomas C. Brown Central City Park in Westland Tuesday morning, it was easy to tell it had recently hosted a major event.

There were still some tents on the site, a few recreational vehicles nearby and litter everywhere.

Trash was piled near overstuffed garbage cans, dotted the grass, pathways and playscape area like ugly freckles. To any not familiar with the park and its usual level of upkeep, it certainly didn't present a very good first impression.

But the Westland Summer Festival had shut down Sunday night, and concluded with a fireworks display that always packs people into the park. Since the city offices were closed on Monday to celebrate the holiday, it might be excusable for city workers not to rush out and return the park to pre-festival glory, even though we think it would be worth the effort.

What's inexcusable, though, is the way the mess ever reached such a level.

It's a disturbing trend, evidenced by the number of people who claim to be angered by a lack of public recreational spaces and are very willing to use them, but take so little care of them when they do.

Is it so much to ask, really, to pick up after ourselves?

Is it so much to ask to take a little pride in our public parks and not transform them into little more than landfills, ashtrays or toilets?

Hikers - responsible ones, anyway - have long followed this philosophy under the simple credo: pack in what you pack out. It's designed to show respect for the earth, for the scenic vistas they visit. It's designed to make everything just as enjoyable for the people that come behind them as it is for the ones who went before.

It was saddening to see the condition of the park, the way it was apparently left by residents who crowded in to watch the fireworks and cared little for anything else afterward, except a mad dash to beat the retreating traffic.

The park deserves better than that; the people who organize the festival and work hard to ensure it runs smoothly deserve better, too.

It's a little bit sad to have to remind a civilized community of the benefits of picking up after themselves, but that's what we feel compelled to do. After all, doesn't everyone have the right to enjoy these facilities, equally?

We're betting on the voters

Recently, more than 450 people put their names on a petition designed to give Michigan residents the right to decide on the future of gaming in Michigan.

We'd like to add our name to the list.

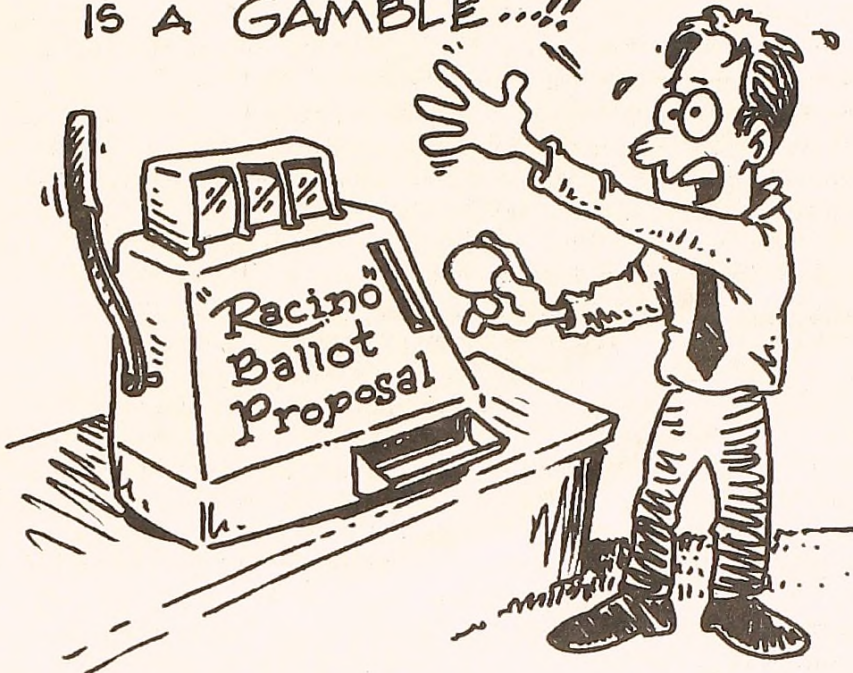
The issue is such an important one that we feel the decision to allow things like additional casinos, the addition of video lottery terminals (VTLs) at racetracks is something that should be made by the citizenry, rather than the legislature.

When the City of Romulus recently went to the people to ask for approval on both a proposed casino and a new racetrack that could include VTLs, we supported that effort. We opined that both projects would be good revenue builders for the community, providing money to provide more services, and we stressed that that additional revenue should go to support services that better the quality of life for residents of the city.

A state-wide voter approval does raise some concerns that we would certainly want addressed. The primary one is one that has already been suggested in the state legislature as lawmakers have worked diligently on a bill to allow racetracks to host VTLs. We

See **Vote**, page 6

JUST LETTING IT GO TO A VOTE
IS A GAMBLE...!!



Out of the mouths of babes

I'm still sometimes stunned at the fearlessness of youth.

But this isn't about a boy who eagerly rockets down the sidewalk on a wobbly bike or makes a death- or gravity-defying leap just because he can. It's about the openness of children to hurtle into social situations that often make their parents uncomfortable.

I've thought about this often while my son Henry and I walk around our Wayne neighborhood, he on his training-wheeled bike and me trying to keep up as best I can.

We usually take a park tour, that is, we walk up and down the streets to find a park that's suitable for play. There are plenty to choose from - there are parks about a block in any direction from our house - and he's got names for all of them. Attwood Park, about two blocks away from our house, is called The Big Park. Others have names like The Boring Park, the Little Park, the Fish Park.

So what makes a park 'suitable' to play in?

It's not necessarily the equipment that's there; Henry can occupy himself just as well on an

old railroad tie as on a bright new climbing wall.

It's not the cleanliness, either. God knows he's just as happy to play at a park littered with ice cream wrappings, crushed pop bottles and empty pizza boxes as he would be at a pristine trash-free park. Or at least I assume so; we haven't actually found a trash free park, but they always look a lot better after we leave than they do when we arrive, mostly because I tend to pick up the refuse while I'm cautiously walking behind him, making sure he doesn't maim himself or decide to pick up a rock and play 'catch' with someone who isn't looking at him.

What he finds suitable in a park is exactly the opposite of what I would find suitable when I was a 3-year-old and virtually everywhere I went, everyone was bigger than I was. (In some cases, that's still the case, as my friends would point out).

Anyway, what Henry looks for in a park is other people. It doesn't matter how big or old the other kids are. Henry will run right up into the midst of the group, introduce himself and say: "Do you want to play with me?"

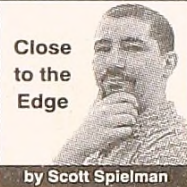
Last week, for example, we headed toward one of the 'boring parks' because there was another little boy and his father there. Sure enough, Henry sprinted up, introduced himself to the boy and they then chased each other around the playscape.

In the meantime, his father and I took turns looking everywhere but at each other; it was an elevator-like silence stretched out over soft grass and a bright blue sky.

For all practical purposes I talk to people for a living, but I couldn't even come up with a way to say a simple 'Hi, how you doing.'

Weird.

Sure, I'm a bit proud that the little guy tackles situations at 3 1/2 that haunted me through high school and beyond. It gives me hope for the future, because it's something I've noticed in other young children, too, this friendliness that doesn't first consider what race or background a potential playmate may be. Maybe we're on the way to a friendlier, more accepting society, with our children leading the way.



Every cigarette you don't smoke

I'm very anti-smoking, though I did smoke 10 to 12 cigarettes a day until quitting in 1954. So I wasn't a real fanatic, certainly not a two-pack-a-day guy.

I'm thankful that it was a habit I didn't need, and I quit cold turkey. Of course, I know quitting is not as easy for many smokers because smoking is very addictive. But it's very encouraging that so many people have quit smoking - or never started.

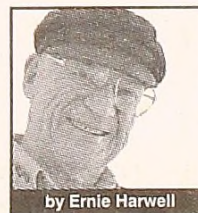
For instance, when I came to the big leagues in 1948, 23 or 24 players on every 25-man roster smoked tobacco, chewed it or both. Nowadays, the average major league team might have one or two players who smoke. And most players have learned that tobacco

chewing can be even harder to quit, because the nicotine gets into your system faster.

So when young people ask me about smoking, I tell them it's far easier - and healthier - to never start, than it will be to quit. For smokers who ask for advice on how to quit, I pass along a novel technique another former smoker once shared with me. He told me that every time he got the urge to smoke, he thought of all the cigarettes he had not smoked since quitting. Each day, the number is greater, and provides greater motivation and pride in having quit.

Using his formula, I'm spending 2004 enjoying the 185,000 cigarettes I did not smoke, since quitting half a century ago.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's lonngggg gone!



Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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Here's a solution: Do one thing and finish it

"I'll be back in a while," said my daughter, Anastasia, heading out the door to the gym as I was putting the dishes from the dishwasher away.

"See you later, be careful," "I'll finish the walk when I get back," she added, and was gone.

She was referring to the sidewalk she'd started shoveling yesterday and suddenly stopped about 15 feet from being finished.

The unfinished walk was a mystery to me until a friend stopped by and greeted me with, "What do you do, shovel to a point and say 'screw it'?"

I didn't know what she was talking about, which is not unusual with her. She talks fast, very fast. The next morning, I went out for the paper and saw the unfinished walk.

My daughter and I recently had a little hassle about me feeling like I was being taken advantage of. To her credit, Annie

stepped up to the plate and asked that I tell her what she can do to help me feel better.

Putting the last dish in the cabinet, I thought, hmm, Annie could have said something like, "I get those when I get back, Dad. Just leave the dishes."

But, she didn't, and I didn't ask her to, because I hate asking.

It then occurred to me that washing and drying a pot and putting it away made me feel good. I was feeling the satisfaction of completing a job.

Truth be known, I struggle terribly with that—completing what I start without being distracted.

A friend recently told me he has ADD—Attention Deficit Disorder. I told him, "I think I have dyslexic ADD, or DADD."

Putting that pot away, I realized how I fight with ADD or, not finishing something I start till later. It's extremely frustrating being constantly distracted. For

example, and I'm almost embarrassed to share this with you, I have three books in progress. Two are on happiness and personal growth; the third is a murder mystery. I jump from one to the other and live with frustration.

I'll be writing and suddenly think of the faucet upstairs. I'll stop writing, go on line to find a part, and then run upstairs to get the model number of the faucet. And, while I'm doing that I may remember I forgot to call someone and stop to call him or her.

Life can be very difficult with this problem. That is, if I don't laugh at myself and stop everything to do one thing at one time.

When I do that, like with the dishes including drying and putting away the pots, I feel accomplishment, I feel good.

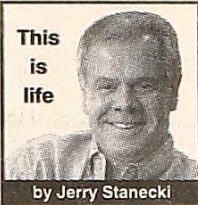
That's when I started worrying that my daughter, whom I love dearly, thinks like I do. If I

can't get her to understand how she is cheating herself out of little pleasures. Then...

Hold on, here. Stay focused on you-know-who, that's right, the guy in the mirror, Remember, when others see something working for you, they will tend to try it. Especially, if they are not told they need to do it.

If that doesn't do it, well, I'm sure I'll figure out a way.

To order Jerry's latest book, *Life is a Joke and God Wrote it!* (\$19.50 includes taxes, shipping and handling) write to PO Box 121, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303. To contact Jerry go to www.jerrystanecki.com. If you'd like to receive a weekly proactive thought from Jerry, send your email address through his web site.



Voter

FROM PAGE 5

think it's important for local communities to have the right to accept or reject these facilities.

Nobody knows better the impact they may have on their communities than the official who represent them, locally, and the residents who put them there.

There is grave concern in the City of Northville, for example, that the race-track that has graced their communities for a century would change so drastically, altering the environment throughout the scenic downtown.

It's not something that is as pressing in Romulus, where a racetrack has not previously existed.

That's only one example, there are surely dozens more.

That's why it's a good idea to let the citizens of the state have their say, and to give the local municipalities the final word.

Send us your letters

The Journal welcomes all signed letters to the editor and will consider all submissions for publication.
Mail letters to: The Journal, P.O. Box 701422, Plymouth, Mich 48170.
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CITY OF ROMULUS APPENDIX A - ZONING AMENDMENT 1.196

An Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus by Rezoning certain properties from M1 Light Industrial District, to M-2 General Industrial District.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

- SHORT TITLE:** This ordinance shall be known and cited as the amended Zoning Ordinance.
- SECTION 1:** To rezone approximately 11.26± acres of parcel #82-80-074-01-0147-301 from M1-Light Industrial District, to M-2 General Industrial District.
- Legal description:** Land in the City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan, described as follows: commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 19; thence N.01 degree, 19'18"E. 404.80 feet; thence N.72 degrees, 42' 16"E. 357.72 feet to point of beginning; thence continuing N.72 degrees, 42' 16"E. 1092.50 feet; thence; N.57 degrees, 8'44"W. 538.24; thence Northwesterly along the arc of a curve having a radius of 2804.79 feet, a distance of 636.01 feet (chord = N.63 degrees, 37' 35"W., 634.65 feet); thence S.01 degree, 30'05"W, 895.83 feet to point of beginning. Containing 11.26± Acres.
- SECTION 2: Severability.** Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this ordinance be held in any manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such words, sentence, phrase, or any portion of the ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as effecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this ordinance.
- SECTION 3: Conflicting Ordinances.** All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Romulus inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby expressly repealed.
- SECTION 4: Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon publication thereof in an official newspaper, which publication shall be made when the minutes passing the ordinance are published subject to revocation at will of the City of Romulus at any time.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 15th day of June, 2004.

Alan R. Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Chambers in said City on the 15th day of June, 2004.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk

Introduced: June 07, 2004
Adopted: June 15, 2004
Publish: July 08, 2004

NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC HEARING DEMOLITION 04-01

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 26, 2004 at 6:30 P.M. Prevailing Eastern Time, in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, for the purpose of hearing objections to demolition and/or removal of debris on the here-in described properties:

- 35615 Bibbins (Residential Structure)** 20A6 BL11 LOT 6 BLOCK 11 THE JUNCTION SUB BLOCK 11 T3SR9E L17 P34 WCR
- 6001 Crystal Lake (Residential Structure)** 03C89 LOT 89 The Fairways at Gateway SUB NO 11 T3S R9E L116 P70-76 WCR
- 35096 Ecorse (Residential Structure and Barn)** 04AA1 04AA2 Part of SW ¼ SEC 4 T2S R9E BEG E 984.03 FT FROM SW COR SEC 4 THE 330.03FT TH NODEG 04M 20S W 651.38 TH W 330.03FT TH SODEG 04M 20S E 651.38FT POB 4.93 AC
- 12789 Huron River Drive (Residential Structure)** 20F3B3B1A-G1A THAT PT OF THE SW ¼ OF SEC 20 T3S R9E DESC AS BEG N 2D 01M SOS W 580 FT FROM THE SW COR OF SEC 20 TH N 88D 39M 30S E 242.85 FT TH S 2D 01M 50S E 250 FT TH S 88D 39M 30S W 242.85 FT TH N 02D 01M 50 W 250 FT TO POB EXCEPTING ALL LEGAL HIGHWAYS 1.40 AC SPLIT ON 12/19/2000 FROM 80 079 99 0027 700.
- 6565 Merriman (Residential Structure)** 02D934 LOT 934 SUPERVISORS ROMULUS PLAT NO 14 T3S R9E L68 P60 WCR
- 7476 Merriman (Residential Structure, Garage and Shed)** 10A1A1S1 THAT PART OF THE NE ¼ OF SEC 10 DES AS BEG AT A POINT ON THE E LINE OF SAID SECTION DIS DUE SOUTH 799.23 FT FROM THE NE CORNER OF SEC 10 AND PROC TH DUE SOUTH ALONG SAID E LINE 90.0 FT. TH S 88D 57M 20SEC W 815.07 FT. TH N OD 33M 50SEC E 90.02 FT. TH N 88S 57M 20SEC E 814.1 FT TO THE POB EXC THE EAST 60 FT THEREOF 1.56 ACRES.
- 7707 Merriman (Residential Structure)** 11D5 LOT 5 MERRIMAN PARK SUB T3S R9E L73 P42 WCR.
- 7759 Merriman (Residential Structure, Garage and Pool Deck)** 11D7 LOT 7 MERRIMAN PARK SUB T3S R9E L73 P42 WCR
- 36240 Pennsylvania (Remains of Residential Structure, Nine (9) Accessory Buildings, Pool and Masonry Block Wall)** 32U2 THE W ½ OF THE W ½ OF THE SE ¼ OF SEC 32 T3S R9E EXC THE E 125.0FT OF THE S 200.0FT THEREOF ALSO EXC THAT PT BEG NOODEG 25M 14S E 1484.99FT FROM THE S1 A COR SEC 32 TH NOODEG 25M 142 W 1100.60FT TH S88DEG 31M 41S E 671.86FT TH SOODEG 05M 30S E 1100.41FT TH N88DEG 31M 41S W 665.54FT TO THE POB 21.69 AC.
- 16137 Oak Tree Lane (Single Family Residence)** 36HI22 LOT 122 MEAD OWDAL SUB T3S R9E L93 P78 79 WCR.

Linda R. Choate,
Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: July 8, 2004

CALENDAR

Belleville women’s club plans picnic

The Belleville Business and Professional Women’s Club has planned their annual picnic at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 15. This year, the theme will be ‘Come Hula into the Tropics with Us’. For reservations, more information and location, call Suzanne Oakley at 734-8282.

Cars cruise Metropark in Belleville

The second annual Cruzin’ The Park Swap Meet and Car Event I is planned for Aug. 27- 29 at the Lower Huron Metropark in Belleville. Registration will start at 8 a.m. Aug. 27. The price for show cars is \$20 for the entire weekend, \$10 per day for non-show cars and \$25 for a 20-by-20-foot space for swap-meet vendors. Park entrance fees also apply. The event will also include a DJ, a movie with free popcorn, muffler rapping, flame throwing, car hopping and live music. For more information, call 734-697-7254.

Clothing drive planned

Members of the New Life Baptist Church in Belleville are holding an ongoing clothing and furniture drive. The congregation members are looking for any items that are in good shape. For more information or to donate, call the Rev.Billy Hailes at 734-489-0054.

Summer storytelling set

Parents and caregivers are invited to bring children to the Leanna Hicks Library summer storytelling sessions. The theme this year is “Great parents,

great starts.” The sessions will be from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. each Thursday. Library officials say the program is geared for children ages 3 years old and up. Parents are required to stay in the library for the entire 45-minute session. Pre-registration is encouraged. The Leanna Hicks Library is located at 2005 Inkster Road, directly behind city hall. For more information, call (313) 563-2822.

Car show and cruise planned

The Inkster Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a classic car show from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. this Saturday at the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex. This year, the show will feature four trophies for each of seven categories broken down by vehicle type. The event will conclude with a cruise. Vehicles can be registered for \$10. The show is free to all spectators. All proceeds from the show will be donated to area youth programs. For more information or to register a vehicle, call Inkster Parks and Recreation at (734) 728-7530.

Golf Outing set

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce is hosting the annual golf outing Aug. 26. The outing will take place at the Woodlands of Van Buren Township. For more information, call 734-326-4290.

Anniversary party planned

The Romulus Historical Society will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a party at 11120 Hunt St. on July 21. The celebration will include music and refresh-

ments. The event will start at 7 p.m. The public is welcome. For more informa-

tion, call the Romulus Historical Society at (734) 942-2340.

City of Romulus
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
GRANT APPLICATION TO FUND THE EXPANSION
OF THE ROMULUS HISTORICAL PARK

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 6:15 pm on Monday, July 26, 2004 for the purpose of considering a proposed grant application to fund the expansion of the Romulus Historical Park from Goddard Road west of Moore St. to Bibbins Street. The public hearing will be held at the City of Romulus Council chambers at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

The proposed development includes a paved parking area; a barrier-free accessible path through the site; one 30’x 80’ covered shelter as a focal point for events such as parades, festivals, concerts and a farmer’s market; picnic areas; landscaping and entryway features.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the general public with the opportunity to make any comments or recommendations regarding the proposed grant application to fund the proposed expansion of the Romulus Historical Park. A copy of the proposed grant application may be reviewed at the City Clerk’s office or the Economic Development Department during the regular business hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

An application for funding the development will be undertaken with the local matching funds provided by the Romulus Downtown Development Authority in the amount of \$125,000, if the grant is awarded.

This application will be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources by the deadlineof August 1, 2004.

Linda R. Choate
City Clerk

Publish: July 8, 2004

CITY OF ROMULUS
APPENDIX A - ARTICLE VII
AMENDMENT 1.189

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AS AMENDED, CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING APPENDIX “A”, ARTICLE VII: RE, R-1A, R-1B SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE FOR CREATION OF THE RURAL CHARACTER OVERLAY DISTRICT, AND TO AMEND ARTICLE XXI TO PROVIDE FOR SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS

SHORT TITLE: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Rural Character Overlay District.

SECTION 1: To Amend Article VII: RE, R-1A, R-1B Single Family Residential Districts to re-title as: Article VII: RE, R-1A, R-1B, and Rural Character Overlay Single Family Residential Districts and amend the opening paragraph to read in full as follows.

The RE, R-1A, R-113, and Rural Character Overlay Single-Family Residential Districts are established as districts in which the principal use of land is for single-family dwellings. In promoting the general purpose of this Ordinance, the specific intent of this Article is:

SECTION 2: To Amend Section 7.01, Statement of Purpose, to add a new paragraph F, to read in full as follows:

F. In the case of the Rural Character Overlay District, to maintain a balance between a quiet, rural character and more suburban subdivision development in order to meet the transitional needs of this area of the City.

SECTION 3: Amend Section 7.04, Site Plan Review, to read in full as follows:

For all uses permitted in the RE, R-1A, and R-113, and Rural Character Overlay Districts, other than single-family dwellings, a site plan must be submitted to the Planning Commission in accordance with Section 4.03.

SECTION 4: To Amend Section 7.06, One- and two-family dwelling standards, paragraph 3, to read in as follows:

J. Developments in the R-1A and R-1B Districts shall provide five (5) foot wide concrete sidewalks as required by the City of Romulus Subdivision Ordinance. The requirement to provide sidewalks, curbs, and gutters for developments in the RE and Rural Character Overlay districts may be waived by the Planning Commission subject to the approval of the City Engineer.

SECTION 5: To Amend Article XXI, Section 21.01, Schedule of regulations, to add a new row for the Rural Character Overlay District, to read as follows:

Zoning District	Minimum Lot Size		Maximum Building Height		Maximum Coverage of Lot by All Buildings	Minimum Yard Setbacks in Feet Side Yards (F)				Minimum Floor Area Per Dwelling Unit (A)
	Area (Sq.Ft.)	Width (Ft.)	In Stories	in Feet	in percent	Front	Least 1	Total 2	Rear	
Rural Character Overlay	20,000	80	2	25	30	50	15	35	45	1,500

SECTION 6: NON CONFORMING LOTS

Non conforming lots that are less than the minimum lot size and lot width requirements shall meet the setback requirements of the underlying zoning district.

SECTION 7: Force and Effect

Except as expressly set forth above, the Zoning Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon publication thereof in an official newspaper, which publication shall be made when the minutes passing the ordinance are published subject to revocation at will of the City of Romulus at any time.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 15th day of June, 2004.

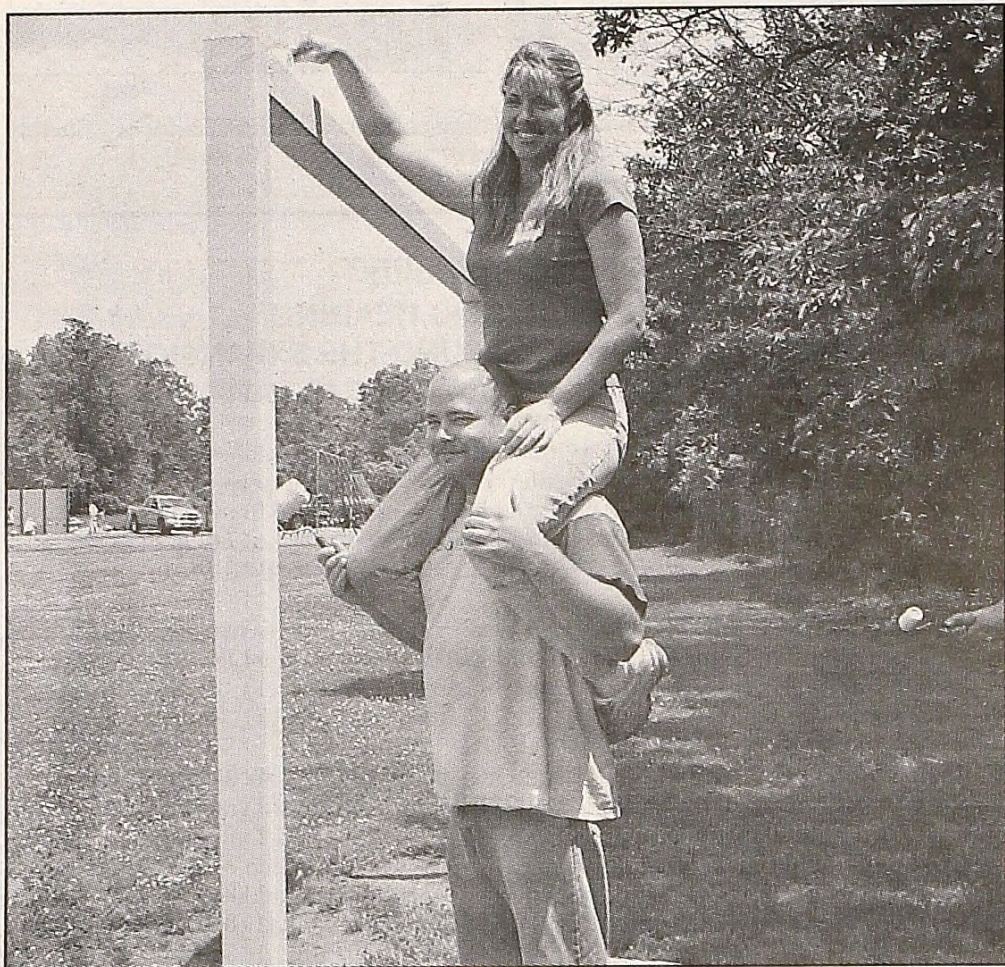
Alan R. Lambert Mayor
Linda R. Choate, City Clerk

Within forty-five (45) days after the publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the test of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Chambers in said City on the 15th day of June,2004.

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk

Introduced: June 7, 2004
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Helping hands

The first Clayco Construction Co. "Caring For Kids" program made an impressive debut recently when more than 100 volunteers teamed up to transform the well-used play area of Edgemont Elementary School into a renewed and restored playground in just one day. Clayco representatives, union tradesmen, volunteer subcontractors, and material suppliers joined with volunteer parents, faculty, and staff to build everything from a new climbing wall and a safety fence around the playground, to a new play structure for kindergartners. Edgemont Principal Brian Kissman said that he was especially impressed with the school volunteers who turned out to help. He added a special thanks for the generous donations from area businesses, shops and other volunteers.



1954 PA 188 Proceedings Notice of Street Lighting Special Assessment Hearing

Charter Township of Van Buren Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions by the developer and property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose footage constitutes more than 50 percent of the total footage of the hereinafter described as Walden Woods Subdivision Phase 3 Street Lighting Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren proposes to purchase, construct and maintain street lights and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows: Walden Woods Subdivision Phase 3, Lots 116-202 inclusive.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township has received a preliminary street lighting layout plan from Detroit Edison indicating 12 street lights to be constructed with an annual operating cost of \$3,358.52. This plan is on file at the Township Clerk's Office and is available for examination and will further be available at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon the proposed street lighting project design and cost will be held at the Charter Township of Van Buren Municipal Center at 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on July 20, 2004.

At such hearing, the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to said Plans, Estimates and Costs or to said Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations can be made available with advance notice.

Township Clerk Joannie Payne
46425 Tyler Road
Belleville, MI 48111

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1954 PA 188 Proceedings Notice of Street Lighting Special Assessment Hearing

Charter Township of Van Buren Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions by the developer and property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose footage constitutes more than 50 percent of the total footage of the hereinafter described as Pine Forest Subdivision Street Lighting Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren proposes to purchase, construct and maintain street lights and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows: Pine Forest Subdivision, Lots 1 through 110 inclusive.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township has received a preliminary street lighting layout plan from Detroit Edison indicating 2 street lights to be constructed with an annual operating cost of \$2,411.21. This plan is on file at the Township Clerk's Office and is available for examination and will further be available at the public hearing.

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CITY OF ROMULUS APPENDIX A - ZONING AMENDMENT 1.192

An Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus by Rezoning certain properties from RIB Single Family Residential to Rural Character Overlay District.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

SHORT TITLE: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the amended Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 1: To rezone approximately 373± acres, south of Wabash and West of Huron River Drive from RIB, Single Family Residential to Rural Character Overlay District and to include the first 627 feet north from the southern property line of the following parcels

SECTION 2:

R1-B - South of Wabash, West of Huron River Drive Parcel ID # 82-80:
075-99-0001-000; 075-99-0004-001; 075-99-0004-002; 075-99-0005-700;
075-99-0005-701; 075-99-0006-000; 075-99-0007-000; 075-99-0015-001;
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SECTION 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication thereof in an official newspaper, which publication shall be made when the minutes passing the ordinance are published subject to revocation at will of the City of Romulus at any time.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 15th day of June, 2004.

Alan R. Lamb Mayor
Linda R. Choate, Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Chambers in said City on the day 15th of June 2004.

Introduced:	June 07, 2004
Adopted:	June 15, 2004
Publish:	July 08, 2004

THE SCENE

Reviewed by
Scott Spielman
Editor

SUPER HERO

Spider-man spins story to ensnare all audiences

"Do you love me?"

Mary Jane Watson (Kirsten Dunst) poses the simple, direct question to Peter Parker (Tobey Maguire) in the second installment of the Spider-man film franchise, which opened last week to record numbers.

Parker wants to say yes — we can see it in his face, behind the smeared lenses of his glasses — but he hesitates because he knows if he does it will open his beloved to a world of constant menace, one he inhabits as Spider-man.

And his life is fraught with menace, from the opening frames of the film. They are not super-powered ones; they come in the form of New York drivers, harsh employers that threaten his paltry livelihood, a glint of anger when a friend, Harry Osborn (James Franco) questions his relationship to Spider-man, and the feeling of helplessness that Parker feels because his Aunt May may soon lose the family home.

The scenes set the basic premise of the film, and of the comic book character that has endured for more than three decades. It's just as hard being Peter Parker as it is being Spider-man.

The character, created by Stan Lee and Steve Ditko, was the first in a line of 'super heroes with super problems.' The idea was that readers would better identify with someone who faces many of the same problems that we face than they would identify with billionaires and their exotic weapons or a paragon of virtue from another planet.

The film does more than live up to that premise; it succeeds it virtually every aspect. It is the type of movie that comic book lovers have been waiting for, a film that works as a film, with highly developed characters whose interaction forms the basis for the film, not the admittedly astounding special effects.

In a nutshell, the story takes up where the first film left off. Parker is about to lose both his jobs, one as a pizza delivery man, the other as a photographer for the Daily Bugle. He's also about to fail out of school and hopes that a research project on a Dr. Otto Octavius (Alfred Molina) will help bring his grades more in line.

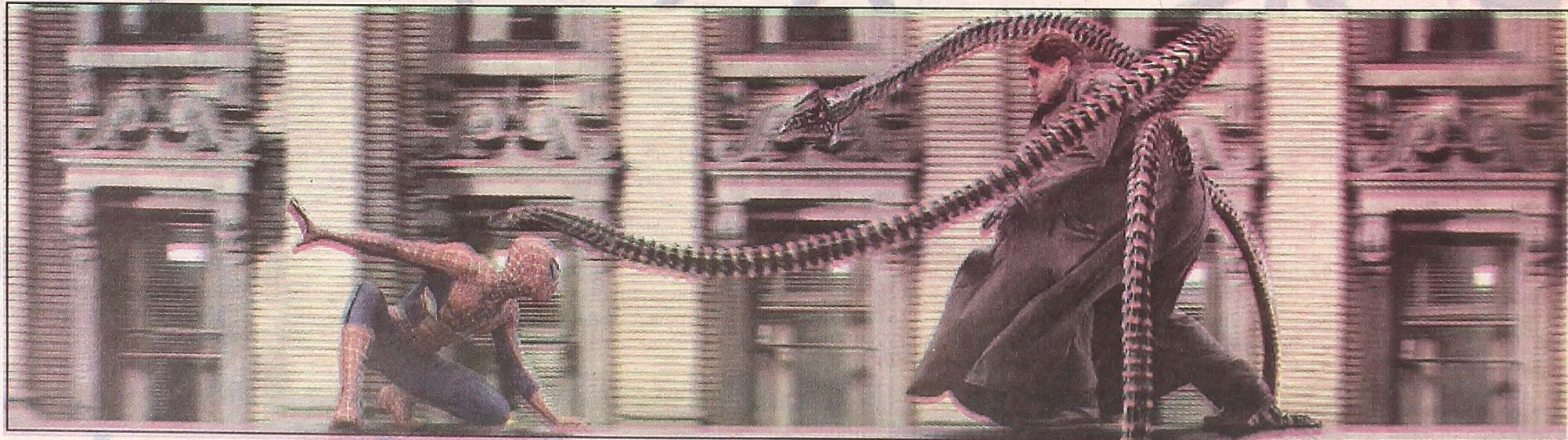
Osborn, whose firm, Oscorp, is funding Octavius' experiments, introduces the two, and they form a quick friendship. That's before an experiment goes wrong and transforms Octavius into Dr. Octopus by fusing four semi-intelligent metallic arms onto his torso.

Add to the mix that Mary Jane is about to marry another man — an astronaut, no less, and the son of Parker's boss, J. J. Jonah Jameson (played to a "T" by J.K. Simmons), and the script has everything it needs to flesh out an angst-ridden epic.

And it does, thanks in large part to the direction of Sam Raimi, who directed the first *Spider-man* movie. Of course it helps to have a Pulitzer prize winning author and self-described comic book fan (Michael Chabon) as a contributing writer.

Raimi paces the movie well, and follows all storylines with aplomb. As in the original movie, his focus is not on the effects-laden fights between the hero and villain, but rather on the characters behind the action. This is a tale told best with vague glances, stammering dialogue and subtle expressions; it's about real people caught up in surreal events.

For that, it should appeal to even those who avoid movies based on comic books. For fans of the medium, however, this is something they've long sought. Vindication.



THE SCENE

One man show

Author examines culture of greed in one-day look at oneman's lifestyle

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Remember the days when the stock market knew no limits, the economy was hot and jobs were aplenty?

Money practically grew on trees in the late 1990s until a few scandals ravaged and pillaged the economy until there was nothing left. Giants fell and the little man was crushed beneath them.

That is the dark period that Don DeLillo tackles in his latest book *Cosmopolis*, recently released in paperback this summer. He more than tackles it, though. He punches, kicks, bashes and pummels it in to a bloody pulp then drags it through the streets of New York City behind a white limousine for all to see.

Essentially the story is one day in the life of 28-year-old billionaire currency trader Eric Parker. When he awakes on an April day in 2000 in his extravagant 48-room penthouse apartment, equipped with a pool, theater, gym and a shark aquarium, he is intent on one thing: getting a haircut. But little did he know

Book Review
Cosmopolis
Don DeLillo

it was going to be a very bad day for a haircut.

Once Eric finds his giant white limo and clambers in, the ride doesn't stop. DeLillo takes readers on ride that illustrates the fall of one man in one day. However, DeLillo's writing style is hard to decipher at times making

sense unless you open both eyes and see the whole picture.

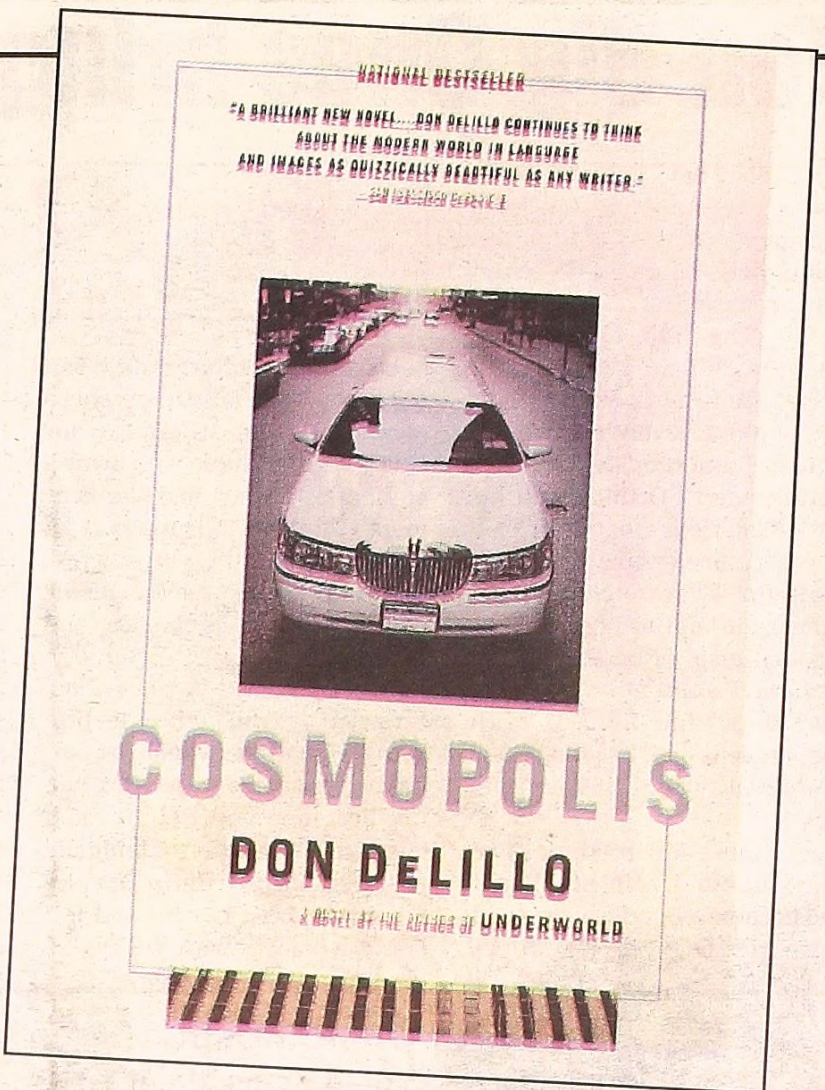
DeLillo's writing is lyrical, even beautiful, at times but beyond the colors and detail there is a dark and twisted tragedy. It appears that most of his short and simple sentences are filled with absurd, meaningless and at times annoying phrases that get in the way of the real story. However, an author, especially one as renowned as DeLillo, wouldn't write anything without it having importance.

While his entire empire relies on what the Japanese yen does on the fated day, all Eric wants to do is get across town for a haircut. His attempt is continuously thwarted as he tries to make through not only the hellacious New York traffic but also such barricades as a presidential motorcade, a rap star's funeral, a violent political demonstration and a movie set.

A "credible threat", as his security manager says, of his assassination lurks in the background while his wife floats through scenes like a ghost. He

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ing the story difficult to interpret. It's much like trying to watch a train wreck with a kaleidoscope. Exactly, it doesn't make much



also receives random visits from his oddball staff of theorists, security personnel, doctors and sexual partners throughout the day.

In the end the limo is just the vehicle that transports DeLillo's cargo of American pop culture deficiencies—paranoia, mediated violence, greed, sex, death, class, consumerism, alienation and materialism—and their

intricate interplay all in the face of one man.

Cosmopolis is sure to be a hit with DeLillo fans but first-time DeLillo readers should beware. The short, 209 pages, and quick read might be convenient while stranded at the airport or in flight, however, it is by no means an easy nor suitable read for lounging by the pool or on the beach.

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Ten Big Ones brings back fans' favorites

Hoo boy, hang onto your funny bone. Stephanie Plum, Lula, Grandma Mazur and Janet Evanovich's entire cast of crazies have returned in all their loony glory. The 10th, obviously, in Evanovich's Stephanie Plum series, *Ten Big Ones*, continues the exploits of the incompetent bounty hunter, make that Bond Enforcement Officer, and her cast of hilarious lunatics.

There are critics who lie in wait for Evanovich and her series, attempting serious literary criticism of books that are designed to be pure escapism and lots and lots of fun. Stephanie is that, laugh-out-loud, embarrass-yourself-in-public, fun.

For those few readers as yet unacquainted with Stephanie, she became a Bond Enforcement Officer in *One For The Money*,

Book Review

Ten Big Ones

Janet Evanovich

because she couldn't hold down a job anywhere else. Anywhere else at all. She works for her sleazy cousin Vinnie who owns a bail bonds agency, and she is as inept at this job as she was at all her others. Vinnie, it is rumored, once had a romantic encounter with a duck. He is classless and clueless.

She is assisted by her friend, Lula, an "ex-ho" who, despite being a plus-size woman is partial to animal print spandex outfits, accented with sequins and lots and lots of action. Stephanie rescued Lula from a psycho killer who beat her up and left her on a balcony back in *Three To*

Get Deadly. Lula will go anywhere and do just about anything, except go back to being a ho, to avoid her real job, which is filing at Vinnie's office. Lula's other wardrobe mainstay is the unregistered Glock she always carries in her purse, just in case. A girl can't be too careful as Lula learned the hard way.

Stephanie is a legend in her area of New Jersey, known as the Burg. Everyone knows her and she knows everyone. And they all know everything there is to know about each others' personal lives. The burg is a very, very small town. If Stephanie isn't related, somehow, to just about anybody who lives within the boundaries of the Burg, she went to school with someone who is.

As she and Lula attempt to do something as dangerous as buy lunch, her newest SUV

explodes—(thanks in part to Lula's poor marksmanship) and Stephanie's latest adventure begins.

Stephanie becomes the target of a gang-hired hit man and has to attempt to hide out while waiting for the capture of her would-be assassin. She doesn't hide out well, as she is easily bored. So while she attempts to continue her bond enforcement job capturing and "rescheduling" escapees by day, she must also avoid the Junkman, who has been hired to kill her.

Her complicated love life and family situation do not help. At all.

While those who haven't read the preceding books in the series might not enjoy this latest effort as much as those who already know and love Stephanie, *Ten Big Ones* is a quick and enter-

taining read. While it may certainly not be the best in the series, it is still better than a great deal of the stuff in bookstores today. *Ten Big Ones*, like the preceding nine books in the series, will make readers laugh out loud repeatedly. This is way, way funny stuff.

Those looking for serious literature, a spellbinding mystery or the Great American Novel should look elsewhere. This is pure entertainment and those who have discovered the series eagerly await each and every new installment.

Stephanie and her cohorts were created as comedy—there is no serious commentary on our social or governmental system, ...simply some of the funniest and best entertainment to be found today.

Very highly recommended.

CITY OF ROMULUS

Appendix A - Zoning Amendment 1.193

An Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus by Rezoning certain properties from R1A Single Family Residential District to Rural Character Overlay District.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

SHORT TITLE: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the amended Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 1.

RI -A - West of Huron River Drive, North of Eureka Parcels ID # 82-80: 114-99-0015-000; 114-99-0016-000; 114-99-0017-000; 114-99-0018-701; 114-99-0020-000; 114-99-0021-000; 114-99-0023-000; 115-99-0001-000; 115-99-0002-000; 115-99-0003-000; 115-99-0009-000; 115-99-0011-000; 115-99-0012-000; 115-99-0013-000; 115-99-0015-000; 117-99-0030-002; 117-99-0030-003; 117-99-0030-024; 117-99-0030-029; 117-99-0030-030; 117-99-0030-032; 117-99-0030-735; 117-99-0030-737; 117-99-0030-738; 117-99-0030-739; 119-99-0020-003; 119-99-0020-004; 119-99-0020-702; 119-99-0020-705; 119-99-0021-708; 119-99-0021-712; 119-99-0021-714; 119-99-0021-716; 119-99-0021-718; 119-99-0021-719; 119-99-0021-720; 119-99-0021-721; 119-99-0022-000; 120-99-0001-000; 120-99-0002-001 120-99-0002-002; 120-99-0003-700; 120-99-0004-701; 120-99-0005-701; 120-99-0006-000; 120-99-0007-000; 120-99-0008-000; 120-99-0009-000; 120-99-0010-001; 120-99-0010-002; 120-120-99-0011-002; 120-99-0012-701; 120-99-0012-702; 120-99-0013-000 in their entirety; parcels 82-80-0114-99-0018-700; 82-80-0114-99-0020-000; 82-80-0114-99-0021-000; 82-80-0115-99-0001-000; 82-80-0115-99-0002-000; 82-80-0115-99-0003-000 to a depth of 627 feet east of the western property; parcel 82-80-0115-99-0004-700 a depth of 450 east and 150 feet south from the northwest boundary.

SECTION 2: Severability. Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this ordinance be held in any manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such words, sentence, phrase, or any portion of the ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as effecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3: Conflicting Ordinances. All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Romulus in consistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication thereof in an official newspaper, which publication shall be made when the minutes passing the ordinance are published subject to revocation at will of the City of Romulus at any time.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 15th day of June,2004.

Alan R. Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Chambers in said City on the 15th day of June, 2004.

Introduced: June 07, 2004
Adopted: June 15, 2004
Publish: July 08, 2004

CITY OF ROMULUS

APPENDIX A - ZONING

Amendment 1.190

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AS AMENDED, CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING APPENDIX "A", ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4.05 ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SHORT TITLE: This Ordinance should be known and cited as the Amended Zoning Ordinance.

Section 1: Amend Section 4.05, Accessory buildings and structures in residential districts, paragraph B to read in full as follows:

B. Accessory buildings in residential districts shall comply with the following requirements:

Parcel Size	Maximum Square Footage*	Maximum Height**	Maximum Required Rear Yard Coverage	Maximum Yard Coverage
Up to 20,000 sq. ft.	750 sq. ft.	14 ft.	25%	40%
20,001 to 1 acre	1,200 sq. ft.	17 ft.	25%	40%
Greater than 1 acre	1,500 sq. ft.	17 ft.	25%	40%

* Or area of the ground floor of the main buildig& whichever is less.
** Or height of the main building, whichever is less.

Section 2: Force and Effect
Except as expressly set forth above, the Zoning Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3: Conflicting Ordinances. All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Romulus inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby expressly repealed.

Section 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication thereof in an official newspaper, which publication shall be made when the minutes passing the ordinance are published subject to revocation at will of the City of Romulus at any time.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 15th day of June, 2004.

Alan R. Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, City Clerk

Within forty-five (45) days after the publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the test of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Chambers in said City on the 15 th day of June, 2004.

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk

Introduced: June 7, 2004
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Publish: July 8, 2004

SPORTS



Mark Tate of Canton Township will come out of retirement to pilot the Miss Chrysler Jeep hydroplane in 'The Race of the Century' on the Detroit River during the 100th anniversary of the Gold Cup races July 15-18. Tate will be attempting his third career Gold Cup victory in the race Sunday. Jim Schebil, president of Fox Hills Chrysler Jeep in Plymouth is also president of the Chrysler Jeep Superstores Advertising Association, one of the sponsors of the event.

Canton racer 'revs' up for chance at gold cup

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Strap yourself down and hold on tight, summer is about to fly into action with the 'Race of the Century.'

Watch hydroplanes fly across the surface of the Detroit River at incredible speeds when the oldest trophy in motor sports celebrates its 100th anniversary at the 2004 Chrysler Jeep Superstores Detroit APBA Gold Cup July 15-18 on the Detroit International Water Speedway course near Belle Isle.

"The 2004 event, aptly titled The Race of the Century, will truly be the extraordinary pinnacle of 100 years of powerboat racing," said Jim Schebil, president of the Chrysler Jeep Superstores Advertising Association, and president of Fox Hills Chrysler Jeep in Plymouth. "Not only is this the beginning of a new era for powerboat racing as a whole, but it also marks a milestone in a new era of powerboat racing in Detroit."

Along with Chrysler Jeep Superstores, DaimlerChrysler AG and the Detroit River Regatta Association (DRRA), will join forces again this year to bring what could possibly be the biggest motor sport race of the year to the Detroit area.

"Our commitment to this year's event is stronger than ever because 100 years of speed, power and tradition is something worth celebrating," said Tom Death, president and Chief Executive Officer of the DRRA, and three-time

Gold Cup winner. "The Detroit River is the epicenter of powerboat racing. It's the grandest stage for the fierce competitors vying for the oldest trophy in motor sports."

In addition to the unlimited hydroplane boats powered by 3,000 horsepower engines racing at speeds of more than 200 mph, the four-day event will showcase vintage race boats, automotive-powered sweepstakes hydroplanes and others. These vintage watercraft will run on the river during the event.

One of the boats to keep an eye on in the race is the "Miss Chrysler Jeep". The boat, owned by Jim Harvey of Seattle, WA. will seek a run at centennial glory with Canton Township resident, Mark Tate at the controls.

As an unlimited hydroplane crewman, crew chief and owner, Harvey's boat racing career has spanned three decades. His expertise covers every phase of hydroplane racing from hull design and construction to race setup. Harvey's prestigious career highlights include two national championships, "Crew Man of the Year," "Crew Chief of the Year" and the Unlimited Racing Commission's "Man of the Year."

Tate, who has driven for Harvey before in an older boat with the same name "Miss Chrysler Jeep," is coming out of retirement for a shot at what could be his third career Gold Cup victory.

"I'm pretty excited about coming out of retirement for one last chance to win," Tate said. "I'm the hometown boy

with a hometown sponsor driving a hometown boat—I'm just excited to be affiliated with Chrysler and the city of Detroit. For us, it's pure excitement."

Tate has been involved in hydroplane racing for more than 20 years. In that span he won two Gold Cups and was named National High Points champion four times. He also owns the qualification lap speed record on the Detroit International Water Speedway course, going 170.087 mph in 1993. Tate comes from a family of hydroplane racers as both his grandfather and father raced. His wife, Sandy, also has hydroplane racing experience as do his two sons, Andrew, 14, and Brent, 12, who have been racing for four years.

This year, Tate will be driving a new version of "Miss Chrysler Jeep," where he said there would be a learning curve.

"There's getting my sea legs back, so to speak, and getting used to the new boat," he said. "I truly think we should be competitive come Sunday afternoon."

Despite coming out of retirement, Tate is receiving full support from the owner and the sponsor.

"We're ecstatic about having a hometown driver racing a hometown boat under the Chrysler Jeep Superstores' name," Schebil said. "Jim Harvey and Mark Tate are two of hydroplane racing's premier names. The chance to win The Race of the Century with an incredible team is too good to pass up."

Plymouth-Canton schools vie for varsity lacross team

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

High schools across Michigan will now be able to offer lacrosse as a varsity sport thanks to the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA). Officials recently announced that lacrosse would be a MHSAA sanctioned sport, beginning in the spring of 2005.

This is good news for athletes and students in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District. Until now, lacrosse had only been considered a club sport with no support from the school district, according to Georgia Barton, the head of the lacrosse booster club.

Lacrosse aficionados have tried to bolster support for the sport for several years, now.

It all started about three years ago, Barton said, when student and avid lacrosse player Steve Oliver moved from Oregon to

Canton and realized that the district didn't offer lacrosse as a sport. He met Nick Ogle, who expressed interest in the sport, and the two students tried without success to get the school to support a team.

So they started a club, instead, said Barton.

Barton's son, Brian, also got involved after the family moved from Ann Arbor. He had played the sport for his high school, there, Barton said.

"I was looking for something for Brian to do," she said. "Canton didn't offer lacrosse but I had heard about the club. I also got involved and started the booster club to help pay for the kids to compete."

As interest in the sport grew, so did the club. That's when Mike Costello got involved. He overheard Ogle talking about lacrosse at church one day and offered his skills. Costello had played lacrosse for Michigan State

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Jim Ryan

University and volunteered to coach the team. The Church of the Nazarene offered free space for the team to practice and the they were in business.

Costello, with the help of another volunteer coach, Kevin Riley, led the team to the Division 4 finals during the last two years.

"(Costello and Riley) have been the driving forces behind this team," Barton said. "It's amazing how the team went from just two boys to two championship games."

Although they didn't win in either final game, she feels that it

is a promising start for the team.

The next step is to officially register the team with the MHSAA with the support of the school district. However, Jim Ryan, the superintendent of Plymouth-Canton schools, said there are three things that need to be looked at before the district can sign off on the paperwork.

First, the team will be registered through the MHSAA as a unified team. This means that students from all three high schools in the education park will play on one team, he said. Second, the district needs to find time and space for the new team

to play and practice.

He said that since lacrosse is a spring sport – along with baseball, softball, girls soccer, track and boys tennis – finding that time and space could be a challenge.

The third concern is the funding necessary to supervise and support the team. The school district recently laid off all three athletics directors, but hired them back with a 9 percent cut in salary. The district even implemented a new pay-to-play program to lessen the blow of the constricting state funding cuts, he said.

"I think it will be good for the district," Ryan said. "It's all about connecting, be it sports, band, clubs or drama it will be another opportunity for kids to connect."

"I don't think adding lacrosse will hurt other sports as far as participation," he added.

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Softball tournament returns to Wayne for the 28th year

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It's the time of year again for good food, good ball and good times. Although July Fourth has come and gone, it's time to start preparing for one of the biggest softball tournaments in Michigan. Wayne is set to host the 28th Annual Leonard J. Anderson Memorial Tournament this month. Not only will the tournament be home to teams from across southeast Michigan during the weekend of July 23-25, there will be teams amassing from across the country and even our neighbors to the north, according to Tournament Director Larry Quartuccio. "As far as softball goes, it is number one in the Michigan and Ohio area," he said. "It attracts not just softball enthusiasts but people from Wayne, Westland, Romulus, Canton and Garden City area that years ago were involved in the game and have since gotten out. "We will have people from Texas, Indiana, Ohio, Florida, California, Kentucky, Connecticut and Canada just to name a few

and many from all parts of Michigan," he added. This will be the 28th year for the tournament that is named in memory of the only police officer to be killed in the line of duty in the City of Wayne, Ofc. Leonard J. Anderson. He said the event has the full support of the City of Wayne Parks and Recreation Department, along with some corporate sponsorship from companies including Easton Sports of Van Nuys CA; Central Distributors of Beer of Romulus, MI; and 3N2 Footwear of Seattle, WA. Detroit classic rock station WCSX will be on hand to broadcast from the tournament site. The event will also receive national coverage from Slowpitch Magazine. Easton Sports is scheduled to send their Bomb Squad truck from California with all the new products in softball available for people to test, Quartuccio said. The event will be played on the Leonard J. Anderson Fields located behind the Wayne Community Center building at Howe Road and Annapolis.

Some of the events scheduled for the weekend will include a scholarship award ceremony. The scholarship award will be presented to a Wayne Memorial High School graduate who will be attending college with the plans of going into law enforcement. Saturday will include the Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Beside the tournament itself the highlight of the weekend is usually the Friday night Home Run Derby, according to Quartuccio. The event will start at approximately 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 23 as batters attempt to pummel the ball out of the park. At least the top 10 placers will take home a

part of the \$2,000 worth of prizes, Quartuccio said. Sound like fun? Well, there is still time to register a team, however the slots are filling up quickly. There are already 17 teams registered and they only accept 18-22 teams each year, Quartuccio said. The final day to register is July 10. Feel like just watching? The best part is, there are no admission fees for spectators at any of the events during the weekend of the tournament. For more information on registration and events contact Quartuccio at (859) 384-7578.

JULY BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 20th, 2004 at 4:00 pm.

The purpose of this meeting will be to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact

Property assessments can only be changed for :

1. Homestead exemption status.
2. Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify under items 1 or 2 should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to July 20, 2004.

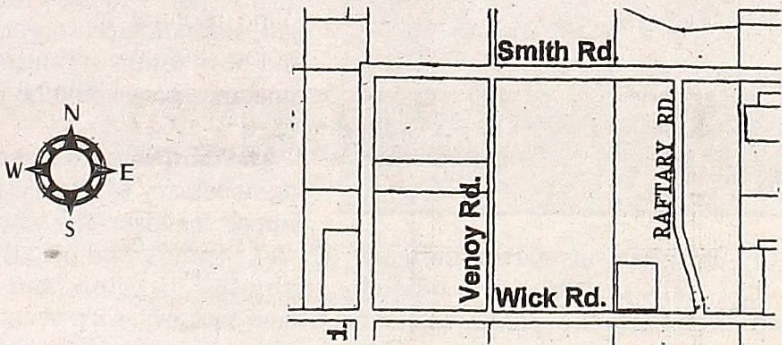
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Van Buren Charter Township

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NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS ROAD VACATION

Notice is hereby given, that the City Council of the City of Romulus, has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 on Monday, August 2, 2004 at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of taking testimony on the proposed vacation of the following roads:

That portion of Raftary Road and Venoy Road between the southerly line of Smith Road on the north and the northerly line of Wick Road on the south.



Written comments may be submitted to the attention of Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, no later than 12:00 o'clock noon, Monday, August 2, 2004.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: July 8, 2004
July 15, 2004

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING!

CITY OF ROMULUS APPENDIX A - ZONING AMENDMENT 1.191

An Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances as amended, City of Romulus, Michigan, by amending Appendix "A", Article IV, Section 4.18 Lots, Yards and Open Spaces.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SHORT TITLE: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the amended Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 1: To amend Section 4.18 Lots, yards and open spaces , to read in full as follows:

- Section 4.18 Lots, yards and open spaces.
- Front setback requirements shall be measured from the road right-of-way in accordance with the City's adopted Master Plan.
 - No space which for the purpose of a building has been counted or calculated as part of a side yard, rear yard, front yard, or other open space, including required lot area per dwelling unit, required by this Ordinance, may by reason of change in ownership or otherwise, be counted or calculated to satisfy or comply with a yard or other open space or lot area requirements for any other building if such calculations shall cause a lot from which such space was transferred to be in violation of this Ordinance.
 - Except as may be permitted in D, below, no lot created after the adoption date of this Ordinance shall have a depth exceeding four (4) times its width, as measured at the front lot line.
 - In the RE District, the Board of Zoning Appeals, upon application, may permit a greater width to depth ratio. The greater ratio may be allowed where steep topography, unusual soil conditions, or drainage problems exist, or when a lot division meeting the required ratio would result in an unnecessary waste of land, create an unusual or odd-shaped lot, or prevent the reasonable use of the property.

SECTION 2: Force and Effect

Except as expressly set forth above, the Zoning Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: Conflicting Ordinances. All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Romulus inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby express repealed.

SECTION 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication thereof in an official newspaper, which publication shall be made when the minutes passing the ordinance are published subject to revocation at will of the City of Romulus at any time.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City council of the City of Romulus this 15th day of June, 2004.

Alan R. Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, City Clerk

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It is hereby certified that the foregoing Ordinance passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular meeting held in the City Council Chambers in said City on the 15th day of June, 2004.

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk

Introduced: June 07, 2004
Adopted: June 15, 2004
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Travel team wins State Championship

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The last weekend in June proved to be a busy but good one for the WaCo Wolves 9-under baseball team.

That's when the Wolves won their first ever United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) state championship. The WaCo Wolves are comprised of athletes, ages 9 and younger, from Canton Township, Westland and other southeast Wayne County communities.

The Canton Softball Center hosted the tournament, where the Wolves dominated the contest with five mercy wins. They out-hit their opponents 62-16, according to assistant coach Art Cameron.

The Wolves opened pool play against the South Farmington Blues. The Wolves pounded the ball in the first inning for 13 runs and continued the hitting rampage in the fourth where the scored 10 more to secure a 26-3 victory in the first game. Tyler Gonzales was the starting and winning pitcher for the team. He struck out the first three batters in the first inning to help the Wolves take a 13-0 lead, according to Cameron. Jake Keeley later relieved him.

Keeley also led the offense with four runs scored. Kyle Gaines, Cody Cowart and Jake Pacholski all scored three times. Cowart also recorded five RBI and Brad Connochie added four.

The Wolves didn't start as quick against their second opponent the Saline Stallions but ended up with 21-7 mercy. After the first

inning the game was tied, 1-1, but their bats came alive in the second, when the scored seven runs. They added another seven in the third and finished the fourth inning with six more runs to triumph, according to Cameron. Jared Terrill won the game from the mound with relief help from Gaines. Cowart led the offense with a single, double and four RBI while Daniel Cameron had a single and two doubles.

The Wolves faced their league nemesis, Motor City Hit Dogs, in the crossover game. They jumped out to an early lead again and made it a 7-3 lead after two frames of play. The Dogs didn't lie down easily, though. They tied the game 7-7 after three innings but it didn't last long. The Wolves rallied in the fourth with eight runs to cement the victory 15-7. Brady Hardin recorded the win from the mound. Cowart led the team again with four RBIs and Keeley had two singles, a double and three runs scored, according to Cameron.

The win moved the team into the semi-finals on Saturday where they faced off with the Hit Dogs for a rematch. The Wolves jumped out to a 4-0 lead after two innings and scored eight more at the top of the third. But this time the Hit Dogs rallied in five runs to narrow the lead to 12-5 at the bottom of three. The Wolves held on and scored two more in the fourth to walk away with the 14-5 victory.

Hardin recorded his second win of the weekend from the mound. Gaines led the offense with two singles, a double and two runs scored. Jacob McCulloch hit for a sin-



Members of the WaCo Wolves 9 and under baseball team won their first United States Specialty Sports Association state championship at the Canton Softball Center last month. Team members are from Canton Township, Westland and other area communities.

gle and a double with two RBI, according to Cameron.

The Romeo Reds were the only team left to stand in the Wolves' way of their first championship.

The Wolves were ferocious and came out swinging again. They scored seven runs to open the game followed by four more in the second and five in the third to take a 16-1 lead.

Terril earned his second win of the tournament with a no-hitter. He pitched a complete game and gave up two base runs; both were first-inning walks, according

to Cameron. In the bottom of the third, the Reds smacked the ball through a hole but Tyler Glenfield picked it up and threw the runner out at first for the first out. Terrill struck out the final two batters to win the championship. Cowart, Daniel Cameron, Pacholski and Terril all had three RBI and three runs scored. Omar Maldonado contributed with a triple.

Lacrosse

FROM PAGE 1

After members of the booster club and some players met with Ryan to negotiate the issues last week, the ball appears to be rolling the right direction.

The district and the team came to terms.

Because it is a new sport, the team will be unified for the first three years, according to MHSAA guidelines, Barton said. After three years each high school will be able to field a team.

As far as practice and play space, the team will be able to use the fields at the high school, a condition Barton felt was only fair Ryan originally offered space at one of the middle schools.

"We felt that the kids should be able to use the high school facilities," Barton said. "I think that we have represented our schools and I think the kids should be able

acquired through the season, Barton said. It won't cost the district any money.

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"We're thrilled," she said. "I really think that we will be an

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JUNE 15, 2004 IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL,
11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Debbie Romak.
Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller,
Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.
Absent: None.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as amended*.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-267

2. Motion by Miller, supported by Wadsworth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 15, 2004, as amended.*

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain-Gear. Motion Carried.

3 A. None.

04-268

4A.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to accept the Chairman's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-269

5A. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to authorize payment of Invoice #06104 in the amount of \$2,970.00 for our annual membership dues with SEMCOG.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Romak, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-270

5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to approve the extension of Bid 01/02-26 for the lease-purchase of a Konica 7135 Copier from Albin Business Center for the Recreation Department.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-271

5C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-4

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED	AMENDED BUDGET
<u>General Fund:</u>				
Fund Balance				
Undesignated		984,899	(278,143)	706,756
<u>Major Streets</u>				
Fund Balance				
Undesignated		1,745,517	(26,607)	1,718,910
<u>Water & Sewer</u>				
Retained Earnings				
Unreserved		1,117,390	(75,274)	1,042,116
<u>Vehicle & Equipment</u>				
Retained Earnings				
Unreserved		648,892	(33,473)	615,419
<u>Technology Services</u>				
Retained Earnings				
Unreserved		378,095	(5,835)	372,260

To appropriate additional funds for to appropriate additional funds for changes in personnel services line items within each department.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-272

6A1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to concur with the Advisory Appointment Committee and appoint Dan Bussard, Sheldon Chandler and Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Terms to expire June 30, 2007; also to reappoint Ed Buczkowski as a two year Alternative, Term to expire June 30, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,

Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-273

6A2. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 03/04-46 and 03/04-47.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-274

6A3. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve second reading and final adoption of PC-2004-008 rezoning of 11.25± acres southeast corner of Hannan and Northline Roads. Amendment

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-275

6A4. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve second reading and final adoption of Zoning Amendment 1.189; Appendix A - Article VII: RE, R-1B Single Family Residential Districts to provide for Creation of the Rural Character Overlay District, and amend Article XXI to provide for Schedule of Regulations.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - Prybyla. Motion Carried.

04-276

6A5. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to approve second reading and final adoption of Zoning Amendment 1.190; Appendix A - Zoning, Article IV, Section 4.05 Accessory Buildings and Structures in Residential Districts.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-277

6A6. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to approve second reading and final adoption of Zoning Amendment 1.191; Appendix A - Zoning, Article IV, Section 4.18 Lots, yards and Open Spaces.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -Prybyla. Motion Carried.

04-278

6A7. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to approve second reading and final adoption of Zoning Amendment 1.193; Appendix A - Zoning, to amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus by certain properties from R1A Single Family Residential District to Rural Character Overlay District.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - Crova, Prybyla. Motion Carried.

04-279

6A8. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to approve second reading and final adoption of Zoning Amendment 1.192; Appendix A-Zoning, to amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus by Rezoning certain properties from R1B Single Family Residential to Rural Character Overlay District.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-280

6A9. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to schedule a study session on June 28, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, 48174. The purpose is to discuss the Sanitary Sewer Project.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-281

11A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 15, 2004.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: July 8, 2004

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63. Business with Office & Equipment
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68. Garden / Produce
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88. Duplexes for Rent
89. Apartments for Rent
90. Condos for Rent
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93. Banquet Halls
94. Farm Land for Rent
95. Garages for Rent
97. Cottages for Rent
98. Mobile Homes for Rent
99. Mobile Home Lots for Rent

100. Will Share
101. Wanted to Rent
102. Storage
103. Business with Property
104. Farms with Acreage
105. Mobile Homes for Sale
106. Houses for Sale
107. Condos for Sale
108. Lake with Resort
109. Income with Property
110. Lots for Sale
111. Out of State Property

112. Commercial Lease
113. Real Estate Wanted
114. Auto Accessories
115. Autos for Sale
116. Antique & Classic Cars
117. Trucks & Vans for Sale
118. Handicapped Vehicles
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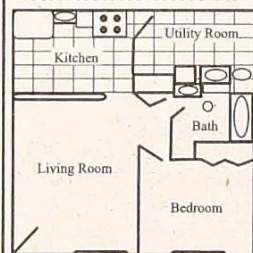
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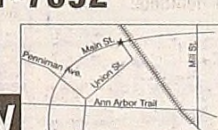
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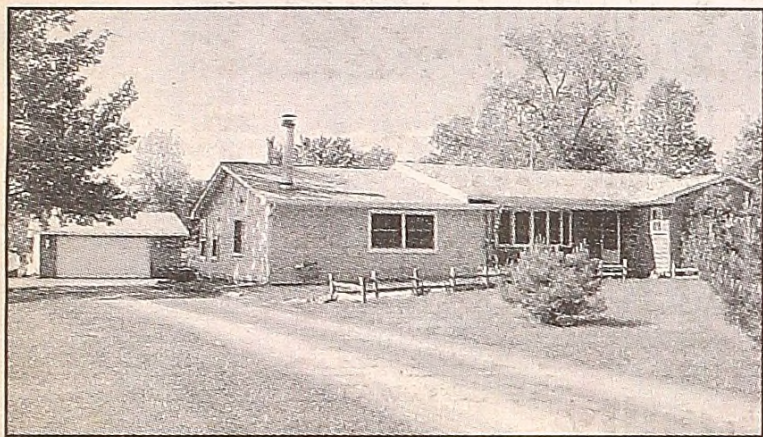
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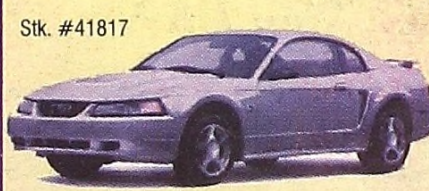
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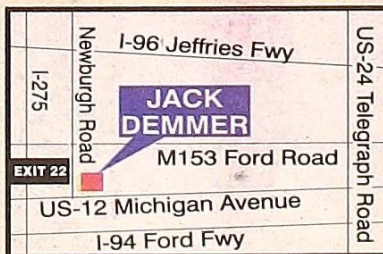
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